

WEDNESDAY EVENING, MAR. 28 1900.

THE shipbuilding company to whom the offer has been made of some valuable city wharf property, which now, however, brings no revenue, because it is unoccupied, would be profited as much by the acceptance of that offer as the city would be. The property referred to is immediately opposite Shep-berd's, on the B. & O. R. R., and but six miles from Washington. It is ample enough to afford all the space that the most extensive yard could require, and lies immediately on a railroad that rens to all parts of the country. The depth of water is twenty-seven feet, is not now under twenty-two, except at two short points from here to the sea, and the government is now engaged in dredging those two to the depth of all the rest of the channel. Members of Congress, who appropriate the money for the navy and the naval officials who inspect the work, would be within s quarter of an hour's ride of the yard, and the material that would be used there could be obtained at the shortest notice and with the least trouble. For their own good, the ship company should give the offer their serious consideration.

ONE of the republican newspapers o Washington, descanting on the recent lynching affair in this State, says "whatever may be the legal outcome of the Emporia tragedy, the moral effect is likely to be wholesome." It always has been, and apparently always will be, plain that Washington newspapers are as ignorant of the true condition of Virginia feeling as they are of that of Patagonia. The moral effect of the affair referred to must be injurious. Lynching is too frequent in Virginia now, and the officials of the State receive too little respect, but the effect of the Emporia affair and the immunity with which it will be passed over, will tend greatly to increase it, and the action of the State officials in the ourage will naturally deprive them of much of the little respect to which, up to the time of its occurrence, they were entitled.

THE LEADERS of the republican party, now as always, presume upon the ignorance of the voters of this country, and it must be conceded that they have good reason for doing so, notwithstanding the taxes they pay for the support of the free schools. But still, some intelligent people vet left, and to them, their awkward, clumey and transparent attempts to juggle with the Constitution are positively grotesque and are well calculated to disgust men of common sense with republican institutions. In the matter of the Porto Rico tariff bill, they must know that the courts, in order to preserve the little respect they yet receive, will be compelled to decide against them; but, on their old idea that after them the deluge, they are still playing their trite, and, to reasonable people, fantastic tricks.

## FROM WASHINGTON.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gasette. Washington, March 28.

Gov. Steunenburg, of Idaho, tefore the House committee on military affairs this morning, said: "I was told that on April 15 the county commis-sioner warned a resident of Wardner to leave the town, as there would be trouble and bloodshed there. There was a meeting of mine owners at which I was present. They were not in sym-pathy with the permit system," said the governor, "but I told them that they would have to submit and that the employment of criminals in the mines

"Are you the State, like Louis XIV." was one of the questions asked by Representative Lentz.

"The question is discreditable to the

questioner and unfair to the questionsaid Mr. Dick. Attorney Chaney objected to Mr. Lentz's question and Mr. Lentz made a

hot argument in which incidentally he charged that certain State deputies in Idaho associated with lewd characters. Attorney Chaney, intensely excited, reated a profound sensation at this created a profound sensation at this point. "I hurl the statement back into the teeth of the gentleman from Ohio

Mr. Lentz-"You ought to be kicked out of the window for that. I'll prove my statement. Mr. Clerk, hand me the testimony in the Corcoran case.'

Chairman Hull said to the clerk "You need not give it to him."

Mr. Hay-"I hope the gentleman wont tell me I lie." Mr. Lentz, addressing the chair-"I

want to hurl into your teeth that you are a party to this lie if you protect this infernal attorney."
Mr. Hull replied-"You've indulged

in about all the insults that are neces

Mr. Cox-"I protest against this dis orderly proceeding. If the lawyer would talk that way to me one of us would go out of the window." Mr. Jett-"I move the attorney

Mr. Cox to Chaney-"Retract or get

At this juncture Attorney Cheney arose and explained that he did not mean to say that Mr. Lentz had stated a falsehood; that he only wanted to deny the charge. He made respectful apology. Mr. Jett withdrew his motion to expel, order was restored and the

with him a petition to the Secretary of War, presumably to retain troops in Coeur d'Alene.

Pending Mr. Lentz's motion that he produce it, adjournment was had till to-

After the meeting there was a clash between Chairman Hull and Mr. Lentz. "If you ever again say to me what you did," was Mr. Hull's injunction, 'One of us will have to leave this com mittee. You have gone as far with me Don't ever do it again. I just give you

this warning"
Mr. Leutz burled back his defiance and Mr. Hull, white with anger, left he committee room.

The personnel of the naval policy

board, of which Admiral Dewey will be the head, was completed today by Sec-retary Long. Besides Admiral Dewey and the different bureau chiefs of the Navy Department the following have been added to the board: Captains Robley D. Evans, Henry C. Taylor, Charles E. Cark, French E. Chadwick and Col. Geo. C. Reid, of the marine

corps.
The Treasury Department will try to put a stop to the circulation of all forms of trade checks that bear even the rewill confiscate all metal tokens or checks that its detectives can find whether issued by small dealers or

In the House today Mr. Rixey pre-

sented the following papers: Petition of Jane 8, Douglass, of Fauquier, asking that the claim of the heirs of Jas. H. Gaskins, deceased, for \$926 for supplies taken by the Union army during the war between the States, be referred to the court of claims; a bill to pay George Umbaugh, of Loudoun county, \$682 for property taken by the Union troops during the war between the States; a bill for the relief of the legal representatives of Jonah Hood, de in Asia Minoz reriou ceased, of Loudoun county, asking that must inevitably ensue. the Secretary of War cause to be investigated, by the Quartermaster's Department, the taking of certain sup-plies by the Union troops during the war between the States; a bill to pay the estate of James Folin, decease of Dranesville, Fairfax county, the sum of \$296 for supplies taken by the Union army during the war between the States; a bill for the relief of Jss. Willard, of Loudoun county, asking that he be allowed \$30 per month in lieu of the pension be lieu of the pension he is now receiving; a bill for the rehef of Jos L. Verts, or Loudoun county, to pay \$1,365 for stores and supplies taken by the Union army during the war between the

States, State Sepator Jeffries of Culpeper, Virginia, will, it is said, be a candidate for State elector to the Kansas City convention, and Mr. J S. Barbour of Culpeper, and Judge C. M. White of Warrenton, same State, desire to go to

that convention as district delegates. The sub-committee of the House postoffice committee agreed this more ing to report in favor of continuing the appropriation for the Southern fast

The jury this morning awarded \$5,000 damages to the plaintiff in the suit of Maurice J. McGrath, Superintendent general delivery of the Chicago poet office, against the Capital Traction Company, for injuries received in a collission between one of their cars and a carriage in which McGrath was rid-ing. Senator Mason was McGrath's counsel.

Mr. Macrum, ex-consul at Pretoria, was before the House foreign affairs committee this morning, and though the republican majority of that com-mittee tried to make light of his testi mony, substantiated his satement, which was to the effect that the Presquested President McKinley to use his good offices to prevent the war in South Africs, and had received an un-favorable response, that his official let-ters had been opened by the British cepeors, and that the State Department saubbed him and practically took the

The State Department was notified today of the death of consul John A. Barnes, at Cologne, Germany. Congressman Otey of Virginia has obtained

promise from the auditor of the War De partment of an order for an extra month's allowance for private Char Scott Adams, of the 3rd Virginia regiment. General Otis will remain in charge of the

General Otis will remain in charge of the srmy in the Philippines just as long as he desires. That is the statement made from an authoritative source in the War Department. "The work of Gen. Otis has been most satisfactory," said Adjutant General Corbin, "and factory," said Adjutant General Corbin, "and the question of his recall has never been considered at all. He will be made a major general next June when Geo. Merritt retires, and if he asks to come home then he will be permitted to do so. He has never intimated a desire to be recalled and unless he expresses such a wish he will not be brought away from his post." Acting Secretary of War Meiklejohn said that the recall of Otis had never been thought of by department officials.

In the Senate today the bill to pay William In the Senate today the bill to pay William Rushby, formerly Jailer of Alexandris, Va., \$1,720, for feeding Union prisoners during the war between the States, was reported at verfely and indefinitely postponed.

The bill to reorganize the person department, it is said, is sure to pass. Under it some new examiners will be appointed, for one of whose places Mr. F. E. anderson of

Alexandria is an applicant, and is endorred by all the members of the Virginia Congres-sional delegation. The salary is \$5,000 a year.

THE RECENT LYNCHING. Judge W. Samuel Goodwyn and

Commonwealth's Attorney W. M. Powell, of Greensville county, were in Richmond yesterday conferring with State officials with reference to the double lynching at Emporia last Saturday and the prosecution of those who were engaged in the lawlessness. The two officers spent more than an hour with the governor discussing plans for prosecuting the lynchers, and then called on Attorney General Montague. They expressed their determination to do all in their power to secure the punishment of those who took part in the lynchings. The grand jury meets

next Monday.

The governor expressed his gratification when informed that the lynchers were to be prosecuted, and said that he would, if necessary, send military to enable the local authorities to execute he law in regard to the punishment of

the lynchers.
From Judge Goodwin's account it appears some one forged his name to a telegram ordering the prisoner to be taken to Emporia instead of to a dis-tant city, as the judge desired, and had planned to cut the telegraph wires and tear up the railroad tracks in order that the work of lynching might proceed without interruption. Judge Goodwin admitted after long and close question-ing that the civil authorities were powerless and that Governor Tyler would have been justified in declaring martial law.

hearing proceeded.

Cross examination developed the fact that Governor Steunenberg has brought weighing but one pound.

Twin bibies were born to Mrs. Walter Alexander in Syracuse, N. Y., last night, each weighing but one pound.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

jected by Spaniards and Alfonso's subjects in the island elect to retain their nationality.

It to said Secretary Root has change his plans with regard to withdrawing troops from Cuba and that more troops will be sent to the island.

Henry E. Youteey, the auditor's clerk, of Kentucky, has been arrested on the charge of being an accessory to the murder of Gov. Goebel.

It is reported that the Czarina is responsible for the delay in Russia's an wer to the Boer intervention appeal, she striving to prevent a pro-Boer re-

Mr. Hoke Smith has decided to quit public life and devote himself to law, and has sold his newspaper property, the Atlanta Journal, to a syndicate of Secretary Hay yesterday submitted

to Congress the correspondence with the governments of other nations respecting the maintenance of an "open door" in China. Advices from Manila received yes

terday that General Otis is fast breaking up physicially and mentally and was to be ordered home were positively denied at the War Department. Two confessions, upon which the friends of the late Governor Goebel base a hope of being able to arrest W. S. Taylor and other high Kentucky republican leaders are said to have been made to lawyers for the prosecution in

the Goebel assassination case. Russia is making formidable preparations with a view of threatening Turkey. It is said if the Ottoman govern ment, supported by Germany, should prove stubbornly intractable with regard to Russia's concessionary demands in Asia Minor serious complications

At the cabinet meeting ye terday Secretary Root presented a proposition which had been submitted by General Otis, looking to the establishment o four geographical divisions of the Philippine archipelego, each to be under the immediate superivsion of a military governor. This plan, it was thought, would relieve General Otis from much routine work.

The one hundred and sixteenth session of the Baltimore Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South will convene in Mount Vernon Place Church, Washington, on had been buried. The Lorenzo Mar Wednesday, April 4. Bishop Warren quez dispatch is more definite, but a Candler, of Atlanta, Gs., who will otherwise there is no confirmation of preside, will preach the opening ser-mon on the previous evening in the same church.

Both the memorialists and the deense filed their briefs in the Senator Clark bribery case yesterday. The former claim that all charges were proved, and that Mr. Clark and his friends engaged in wholesale bribery and attempted bribery on members of the legislature to secure the election of Mr. Clark, spending \$500,000 to bribe

twenty-six persons. The President yesterday sent to the Senate additional documents concerning the Philippine war consisting of papers captured by American troops; information concerning the Philippine committee in Hong Kong treatment of prisoners, etc. Among the documents was one captured by the American troops giving the Filipino version of Aguinaldo's negotiations with Admiral

Dawey. Senator Foraker yesterday introduce I the amendments to the Porto Rico government bill which were read to the republican senatorial caucus on Monday, and some of which were were incorporated in a new print of the bill, and the bill as thus amended introduced as a new measure. It is a deolded step in the direction of free trade and in any event will send the question back to the House, so that a free trade

## VIRGINIA NEWS.

Capt, R. C. Marshall, of Portsmouth, says he will be a candidate for governor next year.

Rev. Dr. George F. Bagby, a Baptis minister, died in Richmond last night, after a long illness, He was sixty-four years old.

Mr. Bernard G. Rosson, the oldest citizen of Culpeper, died at his home yesterday afternoon in the eighty-second year of his age. The condition of Dr. Hunter Mc-Guire, of Richmond, was not so favor-

ble yesterday evening as it had been for the previous 48 hours. Dr. E. W. Magruder has been ap-

pointed chief chemist of the department of agriculture. Dr. Magruder is a naive of Albemarle county. W. A. Young, who was recently un-

eated by Congressman Wise, of the Second Virginia district, announces that he is again a candidate for re-elec-

tion. The twelfth annual session of the Virginia School of Methods will convene in Rosnoke this summer for the second session. The attendance last

year was nearly 800. The news from Norfolk is that U. S. District Attorney Edgar Allan continues very ill. He has been confined to his bed for three or four weeks and chances of his recovery are slim.

In the council election for chief of po lice in Danville last night, Green Wil-liams, for twenty years Danville's chief of police, was defeated in a closely contested election by J. B. Akers,a member

Col. W. F. Wickham, who shot himself at his home in Powhatan county recently, is progressing satisfactorily as far as his wound is concerned. His physical condition is, bowever, giving his friends some cause for uneasiness.

The body of Walter Cotton, which arrived at Newport News last night from Emporia via Portsmouth, where it was identified for the reward offered for the arrest of the negro murderer, was sent to the medical department of the University of Virginia.

The republican committee of the Fourth Congressional District met in Petersburg yesterday and decided that on account of the snortness of the time it would not be advisable to nominate a candidate for the short term. Mr. Lassiter will in all probability be chos en to succeed the late Congressman Eppes without serious opposition.

Mary Buck, formerly a slave in King George county, where she now resides, is 106 years old. About 12 years ago she went totally blind, but within the past lew months a remarkable recovery has come about has come about, and the old woman can now see better than she could be fore she was sflicted. Her son in-law, with whom she lived, died last week,

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS

American protection in Cubs is re- The Commissioners of Valuation Act Richmond, March 28.—The Court of Appeals this morning at 10 o'clock began consideration of the various motions which have been made, with a view to testing the unconstitutionality of the act passed by the last general assembly, creating the office of com-missioner of valuation in the various cities and counties of the State. Eminent counsel appeared and the arguments were of paramount interest. The business interests of the State are allied strongly against the act, and the fight against its constitutionality will be vig-orous. Colonel Francis L. Smith, of this city, and Senator Daniel, spoke against the act, and Attorney General Montague and Mr. Hill Carter argued that the act should stand. The arguthat the act should stand. The arguments were on the habeas corpus proceedings from Alexandria, whereby Mr. W. F. Lambert, cashier of the Citizens' Bank, who was arrested because he declined to give certain information to Mr. Louis C. Barley, the commissioner of valuation for Alexandria, seeks to be freed from the charges against him.

against him.
Richmond, Va., March 28.—The commissioner of valuation act was argued in the Court of Appeals today by Col. Francis L. Smith and Senator Daniel against the law, and Attorney General Montague and Mr. Hill Carter for it. No decision was reached, and the case was submitted. It is expected that the court will render a decision very soon which will decide the constitutionality

of the law.
Richmond, March 27.—The commissioner of valuation act was today argued by Col. Francis L. Smith and Senator John W. Daniel for the petitioner, and Attorney General Montague and Mr. Hill Carter for the State, before a full court and was submitted. A large crowd was in the courtroom, including many ladies. It is believed the court will declare the act void.

Rumored Death of General Joubert London, March 28 .- A dispatch from Lorenzo Marquez reports that Gen. Joubert, commander-in-chief of the Boer forces, is dead, No details are given but there have been various reports from time to time stating that he was ill and wounded.

The morning papers here printed dispatches which reported that a released Pretoria prisoner reported that his guards told him that General Joubert

the report.

Late editions print a Pretoria dispatch dated Monday saying that General Joubert is sick in bed. The war office has heard nothing of his reported

London, March 28 .- A dispatch from Pretoria under today's date, says that General Joubert died there at 11:30 last sight. He had been ill for some time, with stomach complaints. The town

is plunged in mourning.
General Petrius J. Joubert was one of the most heroic figures in the Transvas! He was Vice-President of the Bepublic as well as commander-in-shief of the Bear forces. In induence he was second not even to Kruger. His death at the critical juncture, if the refamily, which settled many years ago in South Africa. In 1881 it was Joubert who, leading the Boers in person, administered the crushing defeat to the British on Mrjuba

The Situation in South Africa. London, March 28 -A dispatch from Maseru says that the Boers are in force at Ladybrand just north of there on the Basutoland frontier. It is believed their retreat is cut off and a battle is pending. The Ladybrand force is believed to be Commandant Olivier's rear guard with which Pitcher's cavalry force came in contact on Mandat afterwards retiring, being unexpectedly outnumbered by the Boers. Olivier's main column was last reported as north of Ladybrand pushing at top spreed for Kroonstadt. It seems increditable that Roberts should allow Olivier to escape, especial ly as he is hampered in his march by long baggage train. The expedition of General French east of Bloemfontei: which it was thought was made to it tercept Commandant Olivier's column was for the purpose of occupying some flour mills. A report that General Clements has occupied Fauresmith, southwest of Blocmfontein, is not confirmed. The Boers are ac-tive near Warrenton, on the Vasl river, where General Methuen's column s reeting. The British outposts have

been withdrawn. A Pretoria dispatch alleges that the Boers have blown up the collieries at Dundee and destroyed machinery Preparations are making to wrec the

other collieries. other collieries.

London, March 28—A private dispatch from Mafeking reports all well there on the 20th. This is six days leter than the latest news of the place heretofore received.

Foreign News.

London, March 28 -Rumors are current in well informed circles that the outcome of the Delagoa bay award will with money to pay all claims against her, receiving Delagoa bay as security until Portugal can repay the loan. It is declared this arrangement explains Portugal's refusals of loans offered by

several of the continental powers. Constantinople, March 28 -The for eign embassies have addressed a collective note to the Porte declaring positively that they would not consent to the increase of import duties without a

previous understanding.
Following the example of Germany, importation of American pork, alleging the danger of trichinia poisoning The latest shipments of American say sages to Turkey have been stopped.

London, Marsh 28 -It is reported that the mysterious yacht which ap-peared off Toulon and excited the French press was Sir Thomas Lipton's

The appropriation bill for the sur

port of the postal system during the fis-cal year of 1901 will be the largest in the history of the government. The bill last year will carry between \$113,000,000 and \$115,000,000. One of the largest inpresses was in the item for rural fre

The Lewis boxing bill passed the New York Rev. W. E. Sitzer, W. Caton, N. Y., writ-

"I had dyspepsia over twenty years, and tried doctors and medicines without benefit. I was persuaded to u e Kodol Despepsia Cure and it helped me from the start. I believe it to be a panacea for all forms of indigestion." It digests what you est. No-To-Bac for Fifty Cents.

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CITY COUNCIL.

The City Council was in session about pany and as a feet there was a watchan hour and three quarters last night, during which time considerable business was transcted. Much interest was manifested by many in the fate of the "curfew" ordinance, introduced at the last meeting and referred to the committee on general laws. The committee, it is understood, will report it in an amended form.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

All the Aldermen were present, and the board concurred in the action of the Common Council on all papers sent But one measure originated in the

Alderman—an ordinance amending the law in regard to the fire limits and ex-

tending them so as to take in the square bounded by Union, Lee, Princess and Oronoco streets—in which the gas works and electric light plant are lo-Mr. Clark, from the committee or light, presented the ordiance referred to and said he desired immediate ac tion upon it. The attention of the committee, he alleged, had been called to the fact that the foundation for a frame structure was now being prepar ed in dangerous proximity to the elect would prove a perpetual menace to quested the Corporation Attorney to prepare the ordinance which had been submitted. It was necessary for Coun cil to be in time in the matter and compel Messis W. A. Smoot & Co., who vere-about to erect the structure, to make it fire-proof, as it would be but four or five feet from the electric light

The ordinance was read three times and passed by a unanimous vote. The business which came in fron the lower board occasioned no debate

COMMON COUNCIL. Mr. Snowden was called to the chair in the absence of the president. Twelve nembers were present.

The committee on finance reported the annual tax bill, which was referred There are no changes. The finance committee recommended

that \$500 be appropriated for outdoor poor and \$450 for fire department, which were made. The committee on streets reported in

favor of a \$350 appropriation for paving Duke street from Columbus to Alfred, which was agreed to. Also \$350 for paving Cameron stree from Columbus to Alfred.

Mr. Smith said that a former appro priation for this work was only \$150 and this sum would not be expended if the \$350 appropriation was made It was asked why-as the railroad would pay part of the expense-it should cost as much to do the work there as on Duke street, where the railroad paid

nothing.
Mr. Smith—"The engineer will spend no more than is necessary." Mr. Snowden-"As a matter of fact is not the whole appropriation used up

n these cases?" Mr. Smith was certain it would not cost \$250. He moved to reduce to \$200 Mr. Desmond-"Mr. Smith, be sure that the railroad company paves two feet on each side. They do not always Mr. Smith responded that the en

gineer would see that done. It was finally agreed that \$125 in ad dition to the \$150 heretofore appropri ated be appropriated in order to do the work. Au order appropriating \$300 to repai

the crossings of Prince street with Pitt, Columbus and Patrick streets was An appropriation of \$300 to repair the

Mr. Smith saying that the money could nowhere be better expended. The chair asked if it was not the duty of the property bolders to repair the gutters in front of their property.

Mr. Smith replied that unless the

Council appropriated the cost the work, f done at all, must be done under the 33rd section, and it would be costly, requiring notices, &c. Mr. Desmood interjected the remark that "some of the curbs need pruning

before the sap rises," and hoped that the work would speedily be done. Mr. Lawler said that \$1,000 had already been appropriated tonight for a reets and this would keep the street force at work for some time. He thought that was enough for the pres-

ent, as the city would now have to bor row \$8,000 for current expenses.

Mr. Snowden said we were fast losing our hold concerning work under the 33 i section and he thought that this was good time to recew it.

The subject was laid over.

An order for a pipe across Fairfax treet, at Jefferson, the cost not to exceed \$30, was made.

The subject of repairing Duke street,

from West street to the Stone bridge, was discussed and laid over until the next meeting. In reference to the matter, City Engl

neer Dunn submitted a letter showing he difference in cost between grave and macadam, the estimated cost of the former being \$1,450, and the latter

Mrs. Muir was authorized to reshir gle certain of her houses within the fire limits.

The Virginia Title Company offered its lot book for \$2 500. They ask hearing before a committee. The subject was referred to the comnittees on streets, finance and general

A resolution authorizing the commitee on finance to borrow \$8,000 to meet he city's expenses to the end of the current year was referred to that com-

A resolution that the committee or general laws be directed to confer with he corporation attorney, with a view o determining the best method of collecting delinquent taxes, was referred Mr. Evans called up his ordinance

for the repeal of the ordinance granting to the Southern Railway Company the right to use Henry street, between Duke and Woife streets, for a railway The chair stated that the compa-

had about completed the laying of the track, under the terms of the original ordinance, and bad first secured the consent of all the property owners on that square. Upon a vote Mr. Evans's motion to repeal was lost, Mr. Evans alone voting ave.

Mr. Evans then moved that the comnittee on streets be discharged from he further consideration of the matter

put watchmen at the Payne street cross-

ing, Mr. Smith called on Mr. Harrison t

give the facts, and Mr. H. said he was employed nearby for the Southern Comman already there two-thirds of the

Mr. Evans knew Mr. Harrison was honest but did not have an epporturity of seeing whether there was a waterman there or not, as he was too far off. Mr. Harr son said he did not see how Mr. Evans could testify as to there being no watchman there when he spent

his time at St. Asapb. The subject was laid over. Mr. Snowden introduced a resolu-tion authorizing the Mayor and public property committee to tender to the Trigg Shipbuilding Company of Richmond a site on the city property at the outlet lock at the foot of Montgomery street for the location of a ship yard

Mr. Snowden said it had been said that the Trigg company was thinking of putting a plant near Washington and it would be well to offer them every inducement to come to this city.

The resolution was adoped. An ordinance, amending the ordi-nance in relation to the Home Tele-Company, granting that com pany the right to replace the old poles with either wooden or iron poles, was referred to the committee on general

An ordinance extending the fire limits came in from the Alderman, having been passed unanimously by that

Mr. Desmond explained that this was intended to prevent any one from erecting buildings close to the gas and electric light works.
Some objection was made as to the

proposal to make a general law to meet

special case.

Mr. Evans opposed the extension of he fire limits beyond Wolfe street which would prevent mechanics from putting up chesp homes in the 4th

Mr. Desmond said he stood here not or the 2nd ward only, but for the whole ity and to protect the city's property. The ordinance was adopted.

Mr. Desmond asked if any appoint nents had been made of experts to examine candidates for gas superintend-Clerk Stansbury responded that Presi

dent Stri ler had written him that he had appointed Mr. MacIlhany, of the Wastngton works, and asking him if Mr. Maclihany did not accept to get Mr. Snowden to appoint some one.

Mr. Snowden said that he was not the president of the board and when

this board adjourned his power as president pro tem. ceased. Mr. Ficklin suggested that the board might elect Mr. Snowden acting

It was announced that the gas committee had appointed Mr. Middleton, but that President Marbury had as yet made no appointment. [Mr. Marbury stated after the meeting that he would at once name an examiner.] No further action was taken and the board adjourned.

THE WAR IN AFRICA.

British dispatches from Mafeking tate that Colonel Baden-Powell, commander of the garrison there, is using the natives to keep up the fight. A istachment of natives was sent against Jackal Tree Fort, but the Boers had evacuated it. Another native detachment crept up on a new fort that preatened the British position. They fired three volleys and then retired. Sunday, March 11, was observed as a truce and the British and Boers con-

versed amicably.
Commandant Olivier's success in retreating from the Orange river toward Kroonstad, in the Free State, with 15 guns and 2,500 wagons is regarded in re-shingle rof on house No. 804. London as one of the most brilliant eats of the war, A force in his rear enecked a body of British troops at Ladybrand, on the Free State's eastern border, so as to incure safety for the convoy. Another bold act has been attempted by Free Staters. Four nundred of them have taken possession of the road between Kimberley and Paardeberg, threatening Lord Roberts's ine of communication to Modder river nation. It is soid that their object is

to raid the railway. The Capetown correspondent of the London Daily News says it is improbable that the main British advance from Bloemfontein will be made for another month.

A dispatch from Ladysmith to the London Daily Telegraph says that 'about 20 000 Boers" are guarding the mountain passes of the Drakensberg range, which separates Natal from the Free State. As the total Boer army is not believed to exceed 35,000 men, this statement is probably an exaggeration.

IS MCKINLEY A TIPLER.-The closog of the Methodist Episcopal conference at Wilmington, Del., yesterday, was marked by a good deal of excitement.

A vigorous , ttempt was made to con demn President William McKinley for "tipling," and there was an unsucces ful effort to depose Presidirg Elder E. C. S. Baker, of the Dover district, from his position. During the debate on the McKinley resolution the conference at imes was in an uproar. The resoluion referring to the President was a

We have learned, with humiliation and shame, that our Methodist Episcopat President has been fit, in the exercise of his personal liberty, to so far ig-nore the public good and his obligation to his church as to indulge in the use of intoxicating beverages on several public occasions, thereby setting a pern our land, who were waiting him exemplify the teachings of his church.

Such action by a Methodist in such high position will naturally be quoted as the attitude of our church and will influence the men and boys of our land accordingly; for if the light which has been in us on this question becomes dark how great will be that darkness? We therefore condemn this breach of

our discipline and Methodist propriety upon the part of our Methodist brother. President McKinley, in publicly setting the example of tippling before the young and old of the nation. The resolu ion was defeated by vote of 69 to 47 after a stormy scene.

The temperance people succeeded in passing several resolutions condemning the President for the Griggs decision favoring the army canteen. Wm Crr, Newark, O, says, "We never fee

of macademizing Henry street betwee.

Duke and Woife, and his motion was adopted.

Mr. Evans then called up his ordinance to compel the Southern and the Pennsylvania Railroad companies to To Cure Constipation Forever.

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BOARD OF ALDERMEN

At a regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen of Alexandria, Va., held March 27, 1900, there were present:

Wm. H. Marbury, eq., President, and Meastra, Hull. Dobie, Clark, Ballenger, Curtin, W. H. Sweeney and J. T. Sweeney.

Mr. Clark, from the Committee on Light, introduced an ordinance transfer.

Mr. Clark, from the Committee on Light introduced an ordinance to smend and renact paragraph 1 of section 1 of an ordinance entitled "an ordinance for the inspection of buildings and regulating the constructs n and repairing of buildings within the city limits approved May 14, 1896, the object being to place the square bounded by Lee, United Princess and Orotoco streets, in which the gas and electric light works are situated, within the fire limits.

The ordinance was read three times and passed by a nonnimous vote.

The ordinance was read three times and passed by a unanimous vote.

The following were received from the Common Council and their action concurred in by unanimous votes: Low imposing taxes on persons, &c; ordinance resarding privil as and franchises to the Home Telephone tompany; proposition of the Virginia Title Company of Alexandria to dispose of their flat book to the city; report of the City Engineer regarding the cost of improving upper Duke street, and a petition of sundry citizens for the same; resolution appropriation \$900 to access street, and a petition of sundry citizens for the same; resolution appropriating \$900 to gravitate the same; resolution appropriating \$900 to gravitate the street to Stone Bridge; resolution directing the Mayor and Auditor to belrow \$8,000 for the purpose of paying expenses of the ganeral fund for the fiscal year ending May 31, 1900; resolution permitting Mir. Mary Muir to reshingle the root of house No. 804 Queen street; resolution appropriating \$125 to repave Cameron street from columbus to alired street; resolution appropriating \$30 to lay a pipe under Fairfax street at the intersection of Jefferson street; resolution appropriating \$175 to take out the gutters and repave the intersections of Prince and Prit streets, Prince and Columbus streets and Prince and Patrick streets; resolution appropriating \$350 to repave Duke street from Columbus street to Alfred street; report of the Finance Committee authorizing the Anditor to draw he warrant for \$500 to the warrant for \$500 to Columbus street to Alfred street; report of the Finance Committee authorizing the Anditor to draw his warrant for \$500 for outdoor poor and \$450 for the fire department; favorable report of the Finance Committee on a bill of Gardner L. Boothe, Corporation Attorney, \$5, for legal services; resolution directing the Committee on Finance and the Committee on General Laws to confer with the Corporation Attorney in order to ascritain what steps should by taken to enforce the payment of arrears of taxes on property sold by the city at tax sales; resolution authorizing the Mayor and Committee on Public Property to offer to the Trigg Shipbunding Company of Richmond such portion of ing Company of Richmond such portion of the old canal property owned by the city as may be suitable for the location and opera-tion of a shipyard, and to invite a representa-tive of said company to visit this city and in-

spect the same.

The board then adjourned,
W. H. MARBURY, President.
Teste: LUTHER H. THOMPSON, Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL.

At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the city of Alexandris, Va., held March 27, 1900, there were present:

Messia, Burke, Snowden, Moore, Desmond, Baader, Paff, Hardson, Appich, Smith, Lawler, Ficklin and Evans.

In the absence of the President Hubert Snowden, esq, was elected President protein. tem.

The Finance Committee reported in fac-

The Finance Committee reported in favor of a bill from G. L. Boothe, Corporation Attorney, amounting to \$5 and the report was adopted. The same committee reported recommending that the Auditor be and is hereby autherized to draw his warrant for \$500 for cutdoor poor and \$450 for the fire department, and the report was unanimously adopted.

adopted.
A resolution appropriating the sum of \$350 to repair Duke street from Columbus to \$350 to repair Duke street from Columbus to \$350 to repair Duke street from Columbus to \$350 to \$35 \$350 to repair Duke street from Columbus to Alfred streets was reported favorably by the Committee on Streets and adopted.

A resolution appropriating \$175 to take out gutters and repair the intersections of Prince and Columbus, and Prince and Patrick streets, Prince and Columbus, and Prince and Patrick streets, was recommended by the Committee on Streets and unanimally adopted.

mended by the Committee on Streets and unanimously adopted.

A resolution appropriating \$30 to by a pipe under Fairfax street at the intersection of Jefferson street, was recommended by the Committee on Streets and adopted.

Upon recommendation of the Committee on treets \$125 was appropriated to repair Comeron street from Columbus to Alired street.

Mrs. Mary Muir was granted permission to

street, the adjacent property owners not or-jecting.

Mr. Snowden presented the following, which

Mr. Snowden presented the following, which was unanim unly adopted:
Besolves, That the Mayor and Committee on Public Property be authorized to offer to the Trigg Shipbuilding Company of richmond such portion of the old Alexandric canal property (now the property of this city as may be suitable for the location and apenation of a shippard and that the Mayor and said committee be requested to invite a representative of the Trigg company to visit Alexandria and inspect the property.

An ordinance for imposing and collecting taxes for the year commencing on June 1, 1900, was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Finance.
A resolution, that the Mayor and Auditor

be authorised to borrow the sum of \$8,000 for the purpose of paying expenses for the faces i year ending on May 31, 1900, was referred to the Committee on Finance.

A report was received from the City Ergs neer on the cost of a McAdam and gravel road to be laid on upper Duke street, and the report, together with a resolution and petition which was laid on the table March 13, 1903.

was se erred to the Committee on Streets
A proposition from the Virginia Title to
pany, offering for sale a plat book of the c
of Alexandria for the sum of \$2,500, was

of Alexandra for the sum of \$2,500, we ferred to the joint committee on Sire Finance, and Gener I Laws.

Mr. Lawler presented the following, when was referred to the joint committee on a nance and General Laws.

Wherear, The delinquent tax records and dence that a large amount of taxes are to the city by tax sales, and as the custom has been for persons to allow their tax his second or persons the second or pe

been for persons to allow their tax hills accumulate after each tax sale, Recolved. That the Committee on Figure and the Committee on General Laws or with the corporation Attorney with th

with the corporation Attorney with the beject of ascertaining what steps should be
adopted to enforce payment of such arrows of
taxes, and with the purpose to clear the tax
records of auch delinquents and thus do jutice to prompt taxpayers.

An ordinance amending the franchise of the
Home Telephone Company was referred to
the Committee on General Laws.

A resolution appropriating \$350 to repir
gutters on King street, was recommended to
table.

A resolution authorizing the Corporation Attorney to prepare an ordinance to o meet the Southern Bailway Co. and the Washington Southern Bailway to place figmen a intersection of Wolfe and Payne street was upon m tion, laid on the table.

Mr. Evans called from the table an act to

pealing an ordinance granting permission to the Southern Railway Company to lay a track

the Southern Bailway Company to lay a track on Henry street, between Duke and Wolfe streets. The act was rejected. Ayes 1 (Mr. Evans); noes 11

Upon motion of Mr. Evans the Committee on Streets was discharged from the further consideration of the resolution, which was referred to them, to pave Henry street, letween Duke and Wolfe streets.

An ordinance to amend and re-enset party graph 1, of section 1, of the ordinance for the inspection of buildings and regulate their construction with the city limite, was received from the Board of Aldermen, read the first, second and third times and passed. Ayes 12; noes 0.

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The board then adjourned.

HUBERT SNOWDEN, President pro tem.

Teste: D. R. STANSBURY, Clerk.

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